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DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR INFANT FORMULA SCHEME

PHOENIX—The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on July 26, 2004, Ahmed Mohamed Ashry, DOB 12/12/68, of Alexandria, Egypt; Hani Jamal Sarawan, DOB 7/20/70, of Nablus, Palestine; Abdulrazzak Fadl Jamal, DOB 12/10/79; and Marwan Fadl Jamal, DOB 11/20/67, both of Bakhoun, Lebanon were sentenced to ranges of between four and six months in prison by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone in Phoenix. The defendants were ordered to pay restitution in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each to Wal-Mart. At the conclusion of their prison sentences they will be deported from the United States.

The above defendants pleaded guilty to one count each of conspiring to commit an offense against the U.S. government, namely the Interstate Transport and Receipt of Stolen Goods (infant formula) in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Section 371. The defendants were minor participants in a fencing operation for stolen or fraudulently obtained infant formula, which generated millions of dollars annually. During the period of the conspiracy and schemes set forth in the indictment (between 1997 and 2003), the defendants acquired or

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assisted in acquiring infant formula by shoplift, theft, fraud or fraudulent representations. They took the stolen formula to the Jamal Trading Company (JTC) located in Tempe, Ariz. The JTC was a wholesaler in infant formula and was owned and operated by Samih Jamal, a co-defendant, and brother of defendants Marwan and Abdulrazzak Jamal. Samih Jamal purchased the formula from the defendants and sold it to other wholesalers in other states and to Women, Infant, Children (WIC) stores in Arizona. A trial date for Samih Jamal has been set for March 1, 2005.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Phoenix Police Department and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

The prosecution was handled by Kevin M. Rapp and Michael W. Kemp, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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